

Please stop Sinclair Broadcasting's TV license expansion. Conduct a review to see if this company serves the public interest in an honest way.

Sinclair owns 62 TV stations but has cut its local reporting. The company is a prime example of the problem of corporate monopolization of the public airways.

Sinclair is the single largest owner of TV stations. It acquired its stations through fraud, using a shell company, Glencairn, and Local Marketing Agreement rules to acquire more stations than would have been allowed.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules.

Bring back the fairness doctrine. Wealthy firms like Sinclair have concerns that aren't those of the vast majority of American people, who don't have Sinclair's media license buying power.

Even though the American people technically own the public airwaves, we are subjected to ideological efforts by the likes of Sinclair. Two examples: Sinclair would not Air a Nightline program in which Ted Koppel read the names of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq; Sinclair wants to air a Republican "documentary" critical of Kerry before the November 2 election.

If the FCC allows ideological ownership of the public airwaves, all views need equal voice and funding.